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1. TURKISH CHARGE NURES CALLED ON DEPT OFFICER FROM IO/TRC (TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS) SEPTEMBER 7 TO STRESS, ALONG LINES OF REF A, IMPORTANCE TURKEY ATTACHED TO ELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL DURING SEPT 13 - OCT 5 ICAO ASSEMBLY. NURES SAID THAT TURKEY HAD TWENTY-FIVE TO THIRTY COMMITMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR ELECTION TO CATEGORY TWO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(STATES PROVIDING LARGE NUMBER OF FACILITIES FOR AIR NAVIGATION). HE CONTINUED THAT TURKEY SHOULD BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ICAO TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF AEGEAN, CLOSURE OF AIRSPACE OF WHICH IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM. HE ASKED WHETHER, NOW THAT INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARING FOR ASSEMBLY PRES'MABLY WERE COMPLETED, DEPT COULD INDICATE US SUPPORT FOR TURKEY, IF NOT FOR CATEGORY TWO, THEN FOR

CATEGORY THREE (APPROPRIATE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION).

2. DEPT OFFICER POINTED OUT THAT US POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IS GENERALLY TO SUPPORT REGIONAL CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, ICAO, APART FROM CERTAIN SEAT-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS, DOES NOT HAVE REGIONAL CAUCUSES TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR

COUNCIL FOR WHICH PRIME CRITERIA ARE IMPORTANCE IN AVIATION. THEREFORE, US POSITION IN PAST ASSEMBLIES HAS BEEN, AND FOR THIS ASSEMBLY WOULD BE, TO REMAIN SILENT ON LIST OF COUNTRIES FOR WHICH IT WOULD VOTE. WERE US TO DO OTHERWISE, AND INDICATE TO COUNTRIES ON LIST ITS SUPPORT FOR THEM, THEN OTHER STATES ASKING OUR SUPPORT, IN HEATED ATMOSPHERE OF PRE-ELECTION LOBBYING, COULD WITHOUT DIFFICULTY DETERMINE THAT WE WERE NOT RPT NOT VOTING FOR THEM, TO DETRIMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS. DEPT OFFICER ASSURED NURES THAT WE HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY NON-COMMITTAL TO ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE REQUESTED OUR SUPPORT. VANCE

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